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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Amendment Transmittal

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- Response to Final Office Action dated January 3, 2006; **(1)**
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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The following is responsive to the Office Action dated January 3, 2006.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.